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June 21, 1999, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional application No. 60/140,448, filed June 23, 1999.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention--.

Page 1, before line 12, add the following new subheading;

--Description of the Related Art--.

Page 4, before line 21, add the following new section heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 13, before line 14, add the following new section heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 13, before line 23, add the following new section heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel now pending claims 1-21 without prejudice or disclaimer and substitute new claims 22-42 therefor as follows:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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22. (New) An electric cable comprising at least one conductor and at least one insulating layer, said insulating layer comprising a substantially lead-free polymer composition comprising as base polymer material an elastomer terpolymer having the following composition:

- a) 50-90 moles percent of ethylene;
- b) 10-50 moles percent of an α -olefin; and
- c) 0.16-5 moles percent of 5-vinyl-2-norbornene;

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